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# City, township settle benefit dispute

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *The desire to mend bridges with city officials was evident during negotiations, officials commented.*

Plymouth City Commissioners took action last week to ratify a settlement agreement regarding past fire department legacy costs. The move, long delayed and the subject of much apprehension by township officials, proved to affirm their desire to build a cohesive relationship with Plymouth Township.

Township officials, suspicious of the city procrastination after a $1.1 million settlement agreement was negotiated, filed a lawsuit against the city just days before the city commissioners acted. The lawsuit was filed to protect the township interest in the years-long debacle. This was the second lawsuit filed against the city alleging the breach of a 1994 Intergovernmental Fire services Agreement (IGA). The IGA was the formal agreement between the city and township that regulated the now defunct Plymouth Community Fire Department that operated between 1994 and 2010.

The two municipalities were on track to resolve the final issues regarding remaining health care costs owed to the township but could not amicably reconcile differences that reached a crescendo in years past. Former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards steadfastly insisted a $3.7 to $4 million amount would be required to settle the 17-year-old agreement and convinced the township board members to vote to cease making any agreements with the city until after the August 2016 election.

With the 2016 election aside, the new township administration fostered a fresh relationship with the city commission and settlement appeared imminent. The desire to mend bridges with city officials was evident during negotiations, officials commented.

In June 2017, city officials agreed to a submit partial payments to the township in the amount of $330,558.22 to cover four years of the retiree health care obligations from 2012 to 2015, settling the medical portion of the dispute. The city

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# Read on

## Library attracts readers of all ages

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Mom Atreyee Dhar of Canton plays with daughter, Rohini Saha, 2 1/2, at the Canton Public Library "ABC Activity Time."

Atreyee Dhar of Canton brought daughter, Rohini Saha, 2 1/2, to the Canton Public Library for some learning and fun. The children sat on the floor and played with toys, as their parents helped with the aid of library staff and volunteers at "ABC Activity Time".

Jack Visnaw of the library, who manages youth librarians, is glad the youth area is a popular destination for young learners.

"This is your opportunity to socialize with someone who's not in the family," Visnaw said.

Library storytimes vary but all encourage both reading to learn and for fun. One is designed for children from newborn to age 5 with family members welcome. Others are more specific, such as a baby storytime for up to age 18 months as well as one for children 3 1/2 to 5 with stronger language skills.

The library on Canton Center Road south of the township Administration Building has been remodeled several times, with an early 2016 renovation of the children's area.

"It was kind of time for a refresher. Also evaluating what were our patrons' needs," Visnaw said.

A corner area boasts booths to help with meeting, talking and studying, which some adults also use. Visnaw noted youth computers were formerly in "pockets" and have been centralized to help patrons and better monitor computer use.

"Can you help me? I'm trying to print something," is one question staff members hear often, and they are happy to help.

"We're really visible so people are encouraged to ask questions," he said.

One picture book on display for checkout tells of brave Alabama children who helped the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others attain more rights for African Americans. Other books tell of people around the world, their religions, along with international language and cultures.

Visnaw noted that patrons of varied ages get help with issues with "political unrest or someone who comes from a different economic background where they've had to struggle."

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# Union and Westland agree on contract

Supervisory employees in the City of Westland now have a new contract.

Members of the city council approved the new collective bargaining agreement at their July 2 regular meeting.

Westland and United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 174, representing 15 general and public works employees, negotiated the new 4.5-year union contract. Key benefits include a 1 percent wage increase, a change in optical insurance and a two-day increase in the number of allowed personal business days.

Remaining in place are tiered wage provisions and other benefits which will take new hires and employees with less seniority longer to achieve. The top pay grade will also require more seniority to achieve.

With a goal of reducing city "legacy costs," effective July 1, all employees in a MERS Defined Benefit Plan will increase their pre-tax wage contribution from 5 to 6 percent. The Defined Benefit Plan will be closed to new hires hired on or after July 1. This will help with the overall financial city liability, according to Mayor William R. Wild.

"The city continues to work collaboratively with our unions to help reduce the liability of legacy costs while honoring the hard work our employees do, daily, in service of the residents of Westland," commented Wild.

# Public safety millage on Romulus ballot

> *We're asking residents to invest in public safety.*

Voters in the City of Romulus will be asked to approve a ballot proposal that would provide funding to maintain the current level of fire and police services in the community - and to avoid cuts in essential services.

Members of the City Council voted unanimously June 11 to place a proposed charter amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot. The proposal seeks 4 mills annually for a period of five years to be utilized strictly for fire and police services.

City officials said fire and police services make up more than two-thirds of the city general fund budget. Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff said public safety is a vital service that government provides. Failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for fire, police and other essential services.

"We're asking residents to invest in public safety," Burcroff said. "By law, the millage funds could only be used to help support fire and police services."

History has led to the current financial situation, officials said. When Romulus incorporated as a city in 1970, the City Charter called for 10 mills to fund local government in what was largely then a farming community. When the full-time police department was formed in 1983, there was no increase in the millage rate. When the full-time fire department was formed in 1999, again, there was no increase in the millage rate, officials explained.

While the number of city employees, firefighters and police officers has decreased, the demands on first responders have significantly increased, according to city incident reports.

Ten years ago, there were 30 firefighters (15 full-time and 15 paid on call). Today, there are

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Belleville - Romulus

# Civil War veterans honored at special ceremony

Twenty five Civil War soldiers from the City of Belleville and the townships of Sumpter and Van Buren were honored in a special ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park recently.

More than a dozen individuals, dressed as Civil War personalities, recounted their characters' stories during the ceremony and members of the Belleville Community Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner and The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Members of the Bring Our Boys Home Research Group, led by area resident Ginger Bruder, researched the identities of the local veterans at the Belleville Area District Library, funded by a grant from the Charles B Cozadd Rotary Foundation.

The names of those honored were engraved on the memorial.

Several descendants of Civil War soldiers attended the ceremony and were introduced.

Bruder said the research into local Civil War soldiers is not complete and the group plans to update cemetery lists at all cemeteries in Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren, denoting the graves of Civil War veterans.

The group also plans to present programs about the Civil War history of the tri-community at the library and Belleville Area Museum and to work with the schools, Bruder said. There also is a walking tour being planned of the downtown area Civil War sites.

Those Civil War soldiers honored at the ceremony included: Henry Lewis, Seril T. Chilson, Seth C. Runyan, Jasper Burt, Roderick J. Biddle, George Martin, James Crysler, Cornell W. Crysler, DeForest Carpenter, Lewis B. Truesdell/Truesdale, Charles Bush, John Foster, James Sterling, Albert H. Tyler, Ira Austin, Joseph Davis, Vincent King, Charles Bucklin, Henry H. Mills, Robert H. McQuaid, William Brown, Lewis Spawn/Spaun, George E. Jewett, Hiram R. Hunt, Benjamin C. Seaman, and Reuben Corey/Cory.

In addition to Bruder and her husband, Keith, members of the Bring Our Boys Home group included: Kathy Graham, Debbie Juriga, Pat Marshall, Lori Minthorn, Connie Reed, Virginia Truran and Jim Wagner.

# Romulus residents to see slight hike in water rates

Romulus residents will see a slight increase in water rates, after an effort to reject the new rates failed on a tie vote of members of the city council.

City residents will see a 5.3 percent increase on the fixed rate-which is dependent on the size of their meter and a direct pass through from the Great Lakes Water Authority-and a .48 percent increase of the overall water rate due to increased costs passed on to the city.

City Councilwomen Virginia Williams, Eva Webb and Kathy Abdo voted to reject the increases.

"We have hit the residents with so much all at one time; we really need to be considerate, said Williams. "I just don't believe, at this time, we should be asking the taxpayers to pay anything else. I think we can hold this off for a little while longer."

Webb said she voted against the increase in part because the city hadn't received the flat sewage charges from the Rouge Valley Sewage Systems for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which might mean the city would have to revise the rates in the future.

"I can't vote on something I do not have here, in my hands, in black and white," she said.

Abbie Atkins, assistant finance director for the city, said it was necessary to pass along rate increases to residents.

"The rate covers the costs. We're not making a profit; we can't make a profit," she said. "If we don't increase the rates, what we're doing is using the fund balance. You're going to use the money you have set aside to make repairs."

Council President John Barden voted against rejecting the rates, as did Councilwomen Celeste Roscoe and Tina Talley. Councilman William Wadsworth was absent from the meeting last week.

Mayor Leroy Burcroff said increases in water rates, while not popular, were very difficult to avoid.

"It's not something we want to do, either," he said. "It's something that's necessary to do."

## Millage

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only 15 full-time and four part-time firefighters. Ten years ago, firefighters were responding to an average of eight calls per day. Today, crews average 14 calls per day, which is more than 5,000 per year.

There were 57 police officers in 2008-2009 and there are 43 currently. Meanwhile, police runs increased from 17,064 in 2009 to 20,607 in 2017, according to official reports.

"We are talking about essential services here," Burcroff said. "These are must-have services. When you pick up a phone and dial 9-1-1, a professionally-trained person shows up as soon as possible. That must be sustained. We have done a lot of creative things. We owe it to the residents to be part of the solution."

The mayor said the city administration has been fiscally responsible, creating service partnerships with Detroit Metropolitan Airport and other agencies, using grant writers, seeking sponsors for special events and creating foundations.

"We are making good spending decisions," Burcroff said. "We are doing more with less. I stand by our record. We have been very responsible with tax dollars. We have done a good job."

Just prior to the vote by city council members to put the issue before voters, several letters from concerned individuals in the city were read aloud.

Among those speaking at the meeting were Romulus Police Sgt. Labrit Jackson, Ofc. Byron Paisley and Ofc. Rodney Cofield, along with Romulus Fire Department Lt. John Thiede, who is president of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4126. All four are Romulus residents and spoke about the importance of approving the millage proposal.

Anthony Antone, executive vice president of Kojaian Management Corp., a major industrial property owner in the city, submitted a letter that read in part: "Public safety is critical because it is one of the very first things which companies looking to relocate to Romulus deem as important."

The board of directors of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce asked the council to approve the resolution and put it on the ballot.

"Please allow our residents the right to vote on this issue," the chamber letter stated.

Romulus residents Dan and Carole Bales said in their letter: "Public safety is important to our property values and the quality of life for the residents of the community. The community leaders have demonstrated the need for the additional funds."

Burcroff said Romulus' future depends on the success of the fire and police millage proposal in November.

"We appreciate the outpouring of support from residents, public safety officials, city employees, the business community and the church community," the mayor said. "There's a problem and we're trying to fix it."

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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Wayne Downtown Days set this weekend

Wayne Downtown Days will include three days of live music, art and merchant sales.

Downtown Days will take place at venues around downtown Wayne from Thursday, July 12 through Saturday, July 14. The event coincides with the annual Cruisin' US-12 Car Cruise, which is taking place Saturday, July 14.

Organizers of the event said they have sought to build upon the success of the event last year and will increase the number of activities happening throughout the weekend, focusing on art, sales and markets, and live music. Kim White-Jenkins, owner of Helium Studio noted, "Downtown Days is an opportunity to encourage our community and residents of surrounding cities to come to downtown Wayne and experience all that our city has to offer."

Some of the highlights this year include: the Detroit Institute of Arts free Drop-In Workshop for children set for 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday on the lawn next to the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3144 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Knights of Columbus will also begin the three-day Tribute Concert series at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening with a Paul McCartney tribute artist.

Also planned from 7-11 p.m. Friday will be the opening concert of the Wayne summer Concerts-In-The-Park series with a performance by Steve King and the Dittlies.

Saturday will also feature a number of unique markets and sales at venues including Helium Studio, 3127 S. Wayne Road, which will host the Fourth Makers Market in the parking lot behind their store from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus will host the Second Annual Rusty Trike Flea Market from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the Wayne Historical Museum at 1 Towne Square, Wayne, will host a Vendor Show and Museum Open House from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.

Organizers of Downtown Days have focused on creating initiatives that celebrate the unique creativity of local residents and artists, Wayne Main Street Executive Director Maxwell Cameron said.

"Our organization has been working to transform downtown Wayne into a hub for arts in Western Wayne County. Through events like Downtown Days we are able to provide our community with an opportunity to celebrate local talent."

Downtown Days will include two art contests, the second annual Window on Wayne Photography Contest - 10 photographs from local photographers were chosen for the contest this year. Photos were selected through a Facebook voting contest. In-person voting for the contest will take place at Karma Coffee & Kitchen, 35634 W. Michigan Ave. from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday. Contest winners will be announced at a reception at Karma Coffee on from 6-7 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Both the voting and reception are free and open to the public.

The first Art-O-Motive Hood Design Contest will see pieces of art created from car hoods by local artists. This year, the contest has eight entries. Hoods will be on display throughout the weekend in Derby's Alley, 34924 W. Michigan Ave., from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday. Event goers can stop by and cast a vote for their favorite hood.

A reception is planned Saturday, July 14 and the artist with the most votes will receive a cash prize. Derby's Alley will also host a BBQ food truck throughout the weekend.

More than 25 individual events are happening during the weekend. A full schedule of events is available at downtownwayne.org/downtowndays.

The annual Cruisin' US-12 will take place along Michigan Avenue from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday. The cruise will feature live entertainment scheduled on the US-12 Bar & Grill patio at 34824 W. Michigan Ave. throughout the day.

A free Bike Show and Barbeque will take place at Wayne Bicycle Shop, 35858 W. Michigan Ave. The show will take place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Bicycles from across the state will be on display.

For more information regarding all activities visit downtownwayne.org/downtowndays or contact Cameron, at (734) 629-6822.

## Westland mayor urges reunification of families

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has joined bipartisan mayors from across the country calling for the immediate reunification of immigrant children with their families.

The letter, from the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), has been signed by mayors across the nation and expressed the deep concern that these municipal leaders have with the current federal administration policies that led to the separation of children from their families at the national border.

"All of us descend from immigrants," commented Wild. "As mayor, I see firsthand, every day, the positive impact that immigrants have on our community by contributing in countless ways to our economic, educational and cultural strength. We must continue to fight to defend those who cannot fight for themselves."

The letter is being sent to the President of the United States and Congress and includes a call for the administration to move quickly and openly to return separated children from their parents. The letter also urges the administration to provide local and state leaders full access to information regarding children separated from their parents who have been sent to their jurisdictions, "so we can help make sure these children are getting the services they need."

The letter further urges congress to enact legislation needed to make sure that separated children and their parents can be quickly reunited and include safeguards to ensure that family separation never again plays a part in the national immigration policy.

The mayors are also calling for the enactment of a permanent solution to this and other immigration problems by developing and approving bipartisan legislation that will fix the broken immigration system.

## Friends group seeks volunteers

The City of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers.

FRIENDS will take place this year on Saturday, Sept. 8 or, if it rains, Sept. 15. The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident who cannot perform maintenance work due to financial or medical situations.

To volunteer or for more information, call the Community Development Department at (734) 722-2000 or email Albert Damitio, the FRIENDS chairperson, at damitioalb@gmail.com.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2018 for the following:

**THEATER MICROPHONES AND BACKSTAGE COMMUNICATIONS**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK**

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**NOTICE**
**CITY OF ROMULUS**
**PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 18-01**

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

1. **35606 Bibbins (Single-Family Residential Structure, Shed) 20A31 BL6 Lot 31 Block 6 The Junction Sub Block 6 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA).
Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's office by writing or calling:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg. 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

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The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**June 25, 2018**
**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
**Excused:** William Wadsworth..
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg. Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
**1.** Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-214 2A.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 11, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-215 2B.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 11, 2018 – open study session – City Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**3. Petitioner: None.**
**4. Chairperson's Report**
**18-216 4A.** Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Brigitte Denise Johnson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-217 4B.** Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gloria Dean McPhail-Denham. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**5. Mayor's Report:**
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
**18-218 5A.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to waive the bid requirements and enter into the Software Service Agreement with Power DMS, Inc., with a one-time fee for the training of this cloud-based platform of $1,500.00 and the annual reoccurring costs of Power DMS in the amount of $4,480.00. (Police Captain Monte explained the internal use of the software.) **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-219 5B.** Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the extended Professional Services Agreement between the City of Romulus and SAFEbuilt, LLC/LSL Planning, to continue to provide on-going and as-needed planning consultant services to the City. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-220 5C.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit to the Horseshoe Club for the use of Elmer Johnson Park's Horseshoe Pits every Wednesday through August 31, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-221 5D.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park Pavilion on August 25, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a back-to-school rally for the community hosted by Pastor Daniel Young of Freedom Christian Worship Center of Romulus. Discussion: Councilwoman Webb informed that the event is open to the community and free school supplies will be given out. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6A. Clerk's Report:**
**18-222 6A1 (a).** Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to approve demolition of the structures and removal of all debris at the following locations on Demolition List 18-01 as presented at the public hearing held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.:
1. 35911 Bibbins (Single-Family Residential Structure)
2. 36773 Bibbins (Single-Family Residential Structure & Garage)
3. 9035 Grover (Single-Family Residential Structure, Two Sheds)
4. 35865 Vinewood (Single-Family Residential Structure with Attached Garage)

**Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-223 6A1 (b).** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to table the property from Demolition List 18-01 located at 37511 Huron River Drive for up to 90 days with the condition that the City is reimbursed to cover costs incurred and payment of a $5,000 cash bond to be released upon completion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-224 6A1 (c).** Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to let for bids for a demolition contractor for demolition and removal of all debris for properties listed on Demolition List 18-01. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**18-225 6A2**. Moved by **Williams**, seconded by **Webb** to reject the new water and sewer rates to be effective July 5, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley. **Motion Failed**.
**18-226 6A3**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for demolition of a tabled item on Demolition List 18-01 (35606 Bibbins). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6B. Treasurer's Report:**
Tax bills will be mailed out on June 29, 2018.
**7. Public Comment:**
A resident who lives on Gateway Drive spoke about the parking situation in front of his home. Three citizens announced their candidacy to run for public office. Three citizens spoke in favor of medical marijuana. A resident spoke against medical marijuana. A resident spoke in favor of supporting the Romulus Schools and teachers. A resident, who supports the Public Safety Millage, asked for more information about the millage. A resident commented on development in the City. A resident who lost everything in a fire at West Village Estates asked about possible resources to help rebuild. A resident commented on the politicking at the meeting. A resident commented on the Woodland Meadow Public Hearing.
**8. Unfinished Business:**
The elected officials informed that they did not receive information regarding the Woodland Meadows Public Hearing and had they known they would have attended the meeting.
**9. New Business: None**
**10. Communication:**
Councilwoman Tina Talley spoke about the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the City Centre on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the absentee ballots will be mailed out on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.
**18-227 11**. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-12 in the amount of $1,595,089.17. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**12.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 25, 2018.

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Northville - Plymouth

# Local libraries receive state funds

The Northville District Library is adding a new chapter to the services and facilities at the 22-year-old building downtown.

A new 800-square-foot addition to the existing library is currently under construction, and will feature a new conference room and four additional study rooms for groups or individuals. Funding for the expansion came partly from the 2018-2019 state budget recently approved in Lansing.

State Rep. Jeff Noble recently helped secure the special state funding for both the Northville and Plymouth district libraries. Both libraries proposed projects that would directly impact education, business development and economic expansion.

"This is all about bringing our tax dollars back home to improve our economy and educational opportunities for children in our communities," explained Noble. "Overall, this budget does not grow state government - great news for taxpayers. And even better news, the money the state does spend will go where it does the most good - including right here in our community."

The state funding will provide funds for the cost of the construction and the furniture requirements of the new space. Demand for meeting space by community groups such as homeowners' associations, Scout troops, local organizations and small business owners has steadily increased over the years, and the new conference room will help alleviate this need, a Northville library spokesperson said. The new room will feature an 80-inch LED TV, five laptops, and five iPads.

"With the new space and equipment, the Northville library can expand demonstrations and classes to help our users become more tech savvy and knowledgeable about online content," she added.

The additional study rooms bring the total of private study spaces to six – two large rooms that can accommodate up to eight people, and four small rooms for one-four people. Study rooms are in continual use year round by students, tutors and researchers. The new study rooms will open in late summer, with the conference room available by mid-September. A public ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for fall, she said. Updates on the construction are available at www.northvillelibrary.org > Construction Blog.

The state funding will allow the Plymouth library will allow students of all ages the opportunity to improve computer skill sets, complete school assignments and create and edit video. New offerings will include upgraded public computers to better accommodate Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, a powerful graphic and video creation software product. A new graphics printer will also provide large-scale, high-quality printing. An updated lab with Creative Cloud software will be available this fall. A library staffer said. An unveiling of the new lab and a ribbon-cutting will be scheduled in October, she said.

The state funding also contributed toward tech upgrades to the Plymouth Library infrastructure, to include a building-wide fiber core, wireless access points, switches, and patch panels, which will all contribute to expanded, faster network capabilities in the building. Go to plymouthlibrary.org or https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthDistrictLibrary/ for updates on these projects.

Northville District Library trustees Robert Sochacki, Alan Somershoe, Jean Hansen, and Joseph Corriveau break ground on the new addition, along with Library Director Anne Mannisto (center).

## Settlement

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commenced making $78,000 annual payments to the township until all resolved obligations were met for a group of "over two dozen" employees. Township board members reported they felt the city obligation was closer to $1.5 million.

In January, it appeared the settlement was near when members of the city commission approved a Tolling Agreement to provide for a settlement without litigation or admission of fault or wrongdoing and barred an end of possible litigation due to the statue of limitation rule. At the May 22 board of trustees meeting, Supervisor Kurt Heise announced that the city commission had accepted the $1.1 million settlement counter-offer. The offer was $400,000 less than the previously reported settlement obligation estimate.

Township officials said it was in the interim period that talks bogged down for reasons unknown.

Last Monday, Plymouth City Commissioners unanimously approved a $1.1 million settlement payment to Plymouth Township that resolved any past, present and future pension costs related issues to the IGA. The commission also approved the funding for the payment to Plymouth Township utilizing internal loans from the city Waste and Recycling Fund ($550,000.) and Budget Stabilization Fund ($550,000.) to be repaid over a 10-year period. Heise was jubilant after learning of the settlement ratification.

"This closes a bitter chapter in the history our two communities…The Plymouth community is united and moving forward for our residents and visitors.

This is what culture change looks like," he said.

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The Charter Township of Plymouth is accepting sealed proposals for the provision of EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. Sealed proposals are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, August 31, 2018, at which time all proposals will be opened and read. Original specifications and any subsequent addendum can be obtained at the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) website, www.mitn.info

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID**
**ITB 18/19-04 HARDWOOD FLOOR REFINISHING AT THE ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER**
**The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the refinishing of hardwood floors at the Romulus Athletic Center.**

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
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(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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# Inkster joins National Night Out event

Inkster residents have been invited to a Night Out.

The Inkster Police Department will be among law enforcement agencies throughout the country who will participate in the National Night Out this year. The national event is an effort to forge relationships between police officers and the residents they serve, according to the website.

This year, Inkster police officers and residents can celebrate from 5 until 9 p.m. in the Inkster Police Department Parking Lot, 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

The event is free and will include food and beverages, face painting, bounce houses, games for all ages, Karaoke, music, giveaways, public safety information and a special guest appearance.

More than 30 local Inkster community organizations will be giving away items during the family-friendly event, including Starfish Family Service; Operation Refuge; Western Wayne Family Health Centers; Project We Hope Dream Believe; Bounce Town; Three Amigos Construction; Inkster Task Force; St. Clements Episcopal Church; Oak St. Health; American Cancer Society; Beaumont Teen Health Center, One Mission Church; SWAP (Sisters Who Are Powerful); Inkster Community Block Club; Stardust Lounge; Blessed Crochet and More; Low 14 Films; Inkster Citizens Who Care; UAW Local 900 CSC; American International Academy; Zeta Amicae Aux and Creating Lasting Memories Photography.

This is the 35th anniversary of the National Night Out event.

For more information about organization participation, contact Ofc. Lebo at (313) 400-5387 email Alebo@cityofinkster.com.

# Distinguished Young Woman to be crowned

The 61st Annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program will take place at 6 p.m. July 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. This scholarship program promotes academics, leadership, and talent and is open to high school junior young women graduating in 2019.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires high school women to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments, according to a spokesperson for the group. The Distinguished Young Women program strives to give every young woman the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future. Contestants will be performing an opening number, physical fitness routine, and a performing arts talent routine.

This program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness, and interview. Last year more than $7,000 in cash scholarships were awarded at the state program along with numerous college-granted scholarships. The Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2019 will be selected and will go on to represent the State of Michigan at the Distinguished Young Women National Finals in Mobile, AL as well as at community events throughout the state.

Tickets for this event are available by going to The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill website at www.cantonvillagetheater.org and clicking on See a Show. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for children and senior citizens. All proceeds go toward the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program. For more information visit www.distinguishedyw.org or email michigan@distinguishedyw.org. For additional information about The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org, or call (734) 394-5300.

Melanie Taylor 2018 winner

# Library

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The popular fiction Harry Potter series is available in Spanish. Visnaw said the diverse Canton population prompted bilingual storytimes which are offered in languages such as Arabic, Italian and French.

The 400 nonfiction section of the Dewey Decimal System helps English language learners with such things as what's a noun or a verb, "how do you put those things together?" he said.

The library, which also helps adult English as a second language learners, offers electronic resources to help new arrivals learn English. The adult conversation group for ESL is popular, "and then they can take that learning home with them and share it with their kids," Visnaw said.

The www.cantonpl.org library website offers a program calendar and more.

"I really like it," the librarian said. "It's laid out like a calendar," and is supplemented by an email newsletter sent monthly.

"We're never assigning you anything," said Visnaw, who agrees public libraries supplement K-12 schools well. "We are excited to share wonderful titles, wonderful collections."

Some young people research an individual and may dress up in a costume. Some pose in a local pretend wax museum.

"It's such fun," Visnaw said, "to work with them. We can kind of enhance the fun side of discovering things."

The Canton library joins many others in also being a great homework resource: "Our staff is very enthusiastic about that process of discovering new things," he noted.

He agrees books help to bridge cultures. Visnaw recently read one of attending a British boarding school and as a public school graduate learned from it.

"It helps put you in the place of somebody else. It kind of helps sharing cultures over the world," he said. Books can also transport you to another place or time.

Youth librarians help through their extensive training in early literacy. Parents and other adults even if busy can read before bedtime "or something that becomes a pattern. Maybe you do 20 minutes," he said.

The Read Aloud 15 Minutes (www.readaloud.org) nonprofit helps parents with early learning. "You don't have to spend a ton of time reading. It becomes a regular thing," Visnaw said. The Read Aloud 15 Minutes is for children from birth to age 8.

Visnaw also encourages parents to let children pick their own library selections and ask what they think about those.

"Reading is a fun, enjoyable experience. They're not two separate things. Reading is fun. Learning new things is fun."

More information is available at (734) 397-0999.

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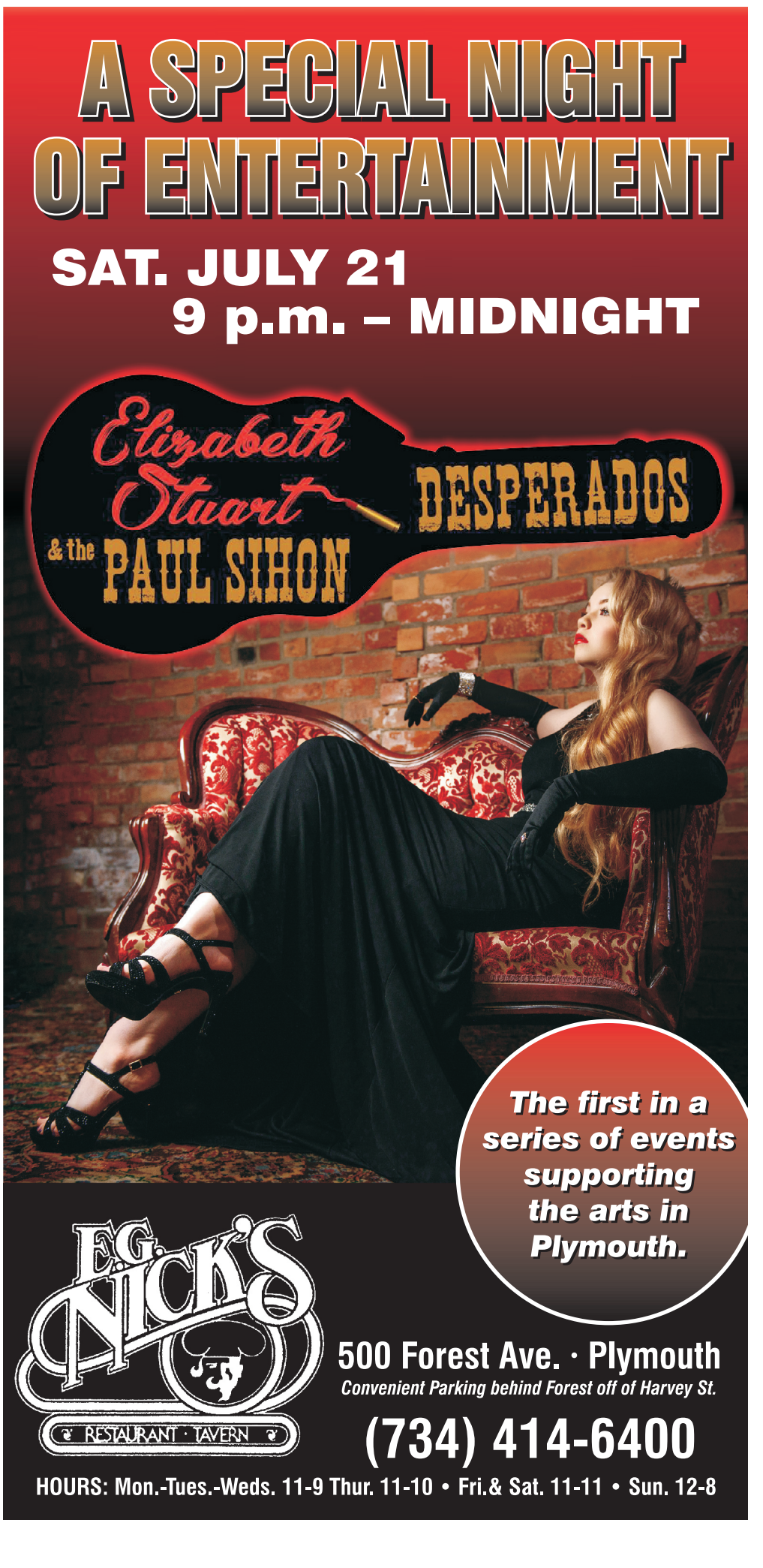
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# Calendar of events

### Life Line screenings offered

Residents living in and around the Romulus can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Romulus Senior Center will host this community event on July 23 at the center, 36525 Bibbins St. in Romulus.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis along with kidney and thyroid function.

Screenings are accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at $149, but consultants will work with patients to create a package based on individual age and risk factors. A Wellness Gold Membership Program which allows customers to get all the screenings they need, but pay $19.95 a month is also available. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required.

### Summer music series begins

Music Lakeside, a free summer music series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, will present entertainment every Thursday evening through Aug. 16. The concerts will take place in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville and will feature musical entertainment by the water.

Visitors should bring lawn chairs, blankets, or arrive by boat. Food is available this year from Cosa Sabrosa, a new addition, featuring fresh tacos, burritos, salsas and much more. Also returning will be Egan's Pub and The Gelato Wagon.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved tot the Methodist Church across the street.

Mr. B. will perform in concert Aug. 16.

### Annual camp-out is Friday

One of the favorite family traditions in Canton, the Canton Leisure Services Annual Family Camp-out and Movie Night will take place tomorrow, Friday, July 13, featuring the animated movie "Moana," rated PG.

Families are invited to celebrate the great outdoors and set up tents on the north side of Heritage Park near the pavilions. There will be plenty of activities for the entire family beginning at 6 p.m. including: inflatable bouncers; s'more making; family games and more. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee. Crusin' Custom Coneys will also be on site providing a dinner option for a nominal fee. In the event of inclement weather, the movie may be suspended or cancelled. A grand prize will also be awarded to the best decorated Hawaiian-themed campsite.

Once again, campers and RVs will be allowed to participate; however, no electricity will be available. Set-up of tents and campers will begin at noon Friday. No advance reservation is necessary and the $21 camping fee will be collected on-site the day of the event; cash only.

Those wishing to take part in the activities and movie but not interested in camping-out, can purchase wristbands for $6 per participant.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

### Free teen safety seminar set

The Canton Public Safety Department is partnering with Canton Leisure Services

to present a Personal Safety for Your Teen and College-Bound Student seminar from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21.

The special presentation will take place at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This free seminar is open to participants 14 years of age and older who will learn some basic lifeskills that will help them make the transition into adulthood, be it in dorm life or as a high school student, organizers said.

Participants will also see a demonstration of simple self-defense techniques presented by instructors from The American Karate Academy of Canton.

Topics presented during this seminar include: dorm room safety; social media dangers; the importance of knowing your surroundings and how to be a good witness; as well as what to do if you fall victim to a crime.

There is no cost for this seminar, however registration is encouraged. Sign up online at www.cantonfun.org with code 4100.101.

For additional information or to register for this class, visit www.cantonfun.org, or call (734) 394-5460.

### Rally on Ridge returns

Area residents are invited to attend the Fifth Annual Rally on Ridge from 5:30 until 9 p.m. July 21 in the Cherry Hill Village District and also at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

The rally is an evening of food, fun, music, and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market. This special fundraiser will feature several popular gourmet food trucks, live local musicians, and a 21 and over beer garden. This year, the major event sponsor is Edward Jones.

### Circles of Hope Camp opens

New Hope Center for Grief Support will host Circles of Hope Camp from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 26 and 27 at Maybury Farm.

The free grief camp is designed for children ages 5-14 who have los a loved one. The camp will teach children how animals can help one cope with loss, connect with others and remain calm in situations. There will be barn and garden tours, crafts and horse therapy.

Registration is required at (248) 348-0115.

### Senior games registration opens

A wide variety of events has been scheduled for senior citizens interested in competing in the Third Annual Canton Senior Games, which are scheduled to take place Aug. 20-23. Canton Club 55+ will offer a variety of events in which seniors may compete in for a nominal fee for a chance to win in their age category.

Events include:Sports Tournaments (golf, Pickleball, tennis, billiards), Cards/Wii Games (Euchre, Pinochle, Will bowling, trivia), and Field Games (bean bag toss, Bocce ball, softball throw, basketball shot, football toss and ring toss).

Competitions will take place throughout Canton at: Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, Heritage Park, Freedom Park and Griffin Park. Registration is now open online at www.cantonfun.org through Aug. 10. For additional information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at (734) 394-5485.

### Memorial walk, yoga set

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host "The Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," with Dan Nevins beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

This special fundraiser will take place in Heritage Park, which is adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for event day check-in or registration.

This event will begin with a 1-mile warm-up walk around the scenic ponds of Heritage Park, which will lead into the yoga session with Nevins, who has traveled the globe teaching and sharing the healing powers of yoga and purposeful thought. After the walk, participants of all ages and abilities can either choose to take part in the yoga session or just have coffee and listen to Nevins' talk.

All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are currently on sale now at www.cantonfun.org; search Dan Nevins. Tickets are $25 the week of the event and $30 on-site the day of the event. Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of 2018 stating the portion of the donation that is tax deductible. Veterans will receive free admission to this event.

Learn more about Nevins at www.dannevins.com.

For additional information about the "Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

### Basketball camp applications due

Henry 'Hank' Hughes will be honored during the 21st Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Comp which will take place Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5 this year.

Applications for the camp are due by July 15, noted Director Fred Smiley.

The camps are for boys and girls ages 9-16 and are divided into age groups for basketball coaching. Classes for students ages 9-12 begin at 7:30 a.m. and classes for students ages 13-16 begin at 12:30. Al the classes take place at the Booker Dozier Recreational Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

Parents or guardians are required for all transportation for students. Morning session pick up is at 12:30 p.m. and afternoon pick up is set at 5 p.m.

The classes re free and teach basic skills and fundamentals of basketball including shooting, passing, rebounding and defense.

For more information, contact Smiley at (734)890-2478 or visit www.InksterLegends.com.

### Community Band sets concert

The Belleville Community Band will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.


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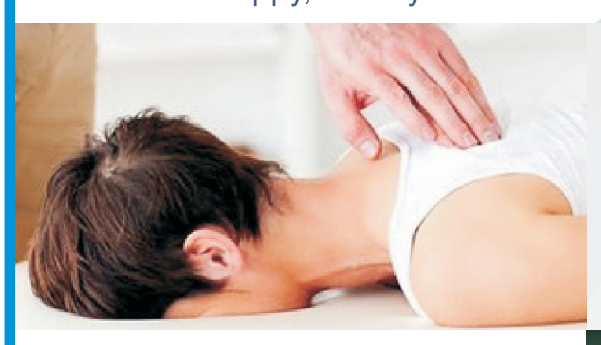

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